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1. A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture comprising:

forming a temporary support structure;
supporting at least one fabric element on said temporary support structure;
molding said fabric element in a desired configuration;
applying a decorative resin to said fabric element;
allowing said decorative resin to dry and harden; and
sanding said decorative resin.

2. A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of applying a polyurethane coating over said decorative resin.

3. A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of applying a relatively non-adhesive material over said temporary support structure.

4. A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 2, wherein said temporary support structure is removed from said rigid fabric sculpture after said decorative resin has hardened.

5. A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of applying a second coat of decorative resin.

6. A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 5, further comprising the step of fine sanding said second coat of decorative resin.

7. A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 6, further comprising the step of applying a polyurethane coating over said decorative resin.

8. A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture comprising:

- forming a temporary support structure;
- supporting at least one fabric element on said temporary support structure;
- molding said fabric element in a desired configuration;
- applying a decorative resin to an outer surface of said fabric element;
- allowing said decorative resin to dry and harden;
- removing said temporary support structure;
- applying said decorative resin to an inner surface of said fabric element; and
- sanding said decorative resin.

9. A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 8, further comprising the step of applying a relatively non-adhesive material over said temporary support structure;

10. A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 8, further comprising the step of applying a second coat of decorative resin.

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11. A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 10, further comprising the step of fine sanding said second coat of decorative resin.

12. A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 11, further comprising the step of applying a polyurethane coating over said decorative resin.

13. A rigid fabric sculpture comprising a three-dimensional fabric element coated with a decorative resin.

14. A rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 13, wherein said decorative resin is substantially clear.

15. A rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 13, wherein said three-dimensional fabric element comprises an article of clothing.

16. A rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 15, wherein said article of clothing is recycled from used clothing.

17. A rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 17, wherein said outer surface of said rigid fabric sculpture has a substantially glossy appearance.

18. A rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 17, wherein said outer surface of said rigid fabric sculpture comprises polyurethane.

19. A rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 13, wherein said sculpture has a substantially hollow interior.

20. A rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 13,
wherein said decorative resin has been sanded.

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